

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY RISA VETRI FERMAN HONORS LATE NORRISTOWN
BOROUGH POLICE CHIEF ROBERT E. REILLY WITH FALLEN HERO PLAQUE
DEDICATION**

District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman, together with Norristown Borough Police Chief Russell Bono and James Binns, founder of the Fallen Hero Plaque Program, honored the late Chief Robert E. Reilly on June 17th, 2008 with a Fallen Hero Plaque. Chief Reilly died in the line of duty on September 9th, 1959. His plaque was dedicated at the Norristown Borough Municipal Hall by his family and friends.

Chief Reilly made his ultimate sacrifice serving in the line of duty on September 9th, 1959. He died while on duty and performing administrative duties. He was appointed Chief of Police on July 1st, 1944 and served in that capacity until his untimely death. Chief Reilly was born on May 2nd, 1893. In 1928, Chief Reilly was sworn in as a Norristown Borough Police Officer and served the citizens of the Borough tirelessly and dutifully.

District Attorney Ferman said, "Policing is a dangerous profession. The dangers of law enforcement aren't just the dangers out on the street. This job has physical, mental and emotional challenges that take a toll on our officers in many different ways. We must recognize this daily sacrifice our officers make in order to protect the citizens of Montgomery County. Chief Reilly sacrificed his own wellbeing for the wellbeing of the people he chose to protect and defend. Chief Reilly's plaque will stand as a reminder of his sacrifice, dedication and loyalty."

Approved for release:

Risa Vetri Ferman